



# Iowa General Assembly

## 2014 Committee Briefings

Legislative Services Agency – Legal Services Division

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### STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Meeting Dates:** [June 25, 2014](#)

**Purpose.** This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.

### STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 25, 2014

**Chairperson:** Speaker Kraig Paulsen

**Vice Chairperson:** Senator Amanda Ragan

**Overview.** The Studies Committee considered mandates in statute and proposals for 2014 interim studies contained in legislation and other requests, and recommended the actions listed in this briefing. The recommendations were approved by the Legislative Council.

**Studies Deadline.** The previously approved deadline for completion of the 2014 interim studies is December 12, 2014.

**2014 Interim Studies.** Studies were authorized for the 2014 interim with the indicated number of members and meeting days to address the following topics:

#### Statutory Committees

- **School Finance Formula Review Committee**

**Charge:** Prepare a school finance formula status report and provide recommendations in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code §257.1(4), including receiving assistance from the departments of Education, Management, and Revenue; providing recommendations for school finance formula changes or revisions based upon demographic changes, enrollment trends, and property tax valuation fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; providing an analysis of the operation of the school finance formula during the preceding five-year interval; and incorporating a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for their resolution.

**Members:** 5 Senate / 5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1 day following the November 4 election

- **Legislative Fiscal Committee (Iowa Code §§2.45(2) and 2.46)**

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include directing the administration of performance audits and visitations, studying the operation of state government and making recommendations regarding reorganization to the General Assembly, and conducting studies as assigned by the Legislative Council.

**Members:** 5 Senate / 5 House

**Meeting Days:** 2 days

- **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee (Iowa Code §§2.45(5) and 2.48)**

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year, and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The fourth scheduled review is in 2014.

**Members:** 5 Senate / 5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1 day following the November 4 election

#### **Other Interim Studies**

- **Cannabidiol Implementation Study Committee**

**Charge:** Monitor implementation of the limited legalization of use in this state of the marijuana oil known as cannabidiol, consider whether the new law is helping the people it is supposed to help, and review the University of Iowa College of Medicine research study called for by the legislation.

**Members:** 5 Senate / 5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1 day on or before September 15, 2014

- **Local Government Mandates Study Committee**

**Charge:** Consider testimony and review information concerning state government mandates on local governments that are not funded by the state.

**Members:** 5 Senate / 5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1 day following the November 4 election

- **Local Government Public Records Study Committee**

**Charge:** Study requirements and practices relating to local government public records.

**Members:** 5 Senate / 5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1 day following the November 4 election

#### **Other Studies-related Items**

- If an appropriate request is received from the Iowa Medical Society and Iowa Association for Justice, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House may authorize a study committee to consider certain medical malpractice issues.

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